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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw your attention to the following:

At 1315 hours on 9 September 1999, United States and United Kingdom aircraft perpetrated a new act of aggression which comes in addition to the long list of daily assaults against Iraq. These aircraft fired projectiles at the province of Almutanah in the south of Iraq, causing very substantial damage to the silo situated in the town of Samawah, as well as the following damage:

1. One of the co-users of the silo was killed and three others were wounded.

2. The windows of the houses inhabited by the silo employees were broken.

3. The windows of several other offices of the silo administration were broken and fragments propelled by the explosion fell into the grain reserves.

While condemning these criminal and repeated acts of aggression against the territory and population of Iraq, we request the Security Council to take fully upon itself the responsibilities entrusted to it by the Charter of the United Nations and to take the steps necessary to ensure that the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom put an end to their acts of aggression against Iraq.

We reaffirm the legally unassailable right of the Republic of Iraq to request compensation in accordance with the principles of State responsibility for all human, material and moral losses sustained by Iraq as a result of these acts of aggression, which are in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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